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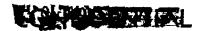
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SUMMARY

Measurements of aerodynamic heat transfer have been made at a number of stations along a cone-cylinder-flare model having a 15° total-angle conical nose and a 10° half-angle flare skirt. The maximum Mach number was 4.7, and local Reynolds numbers based on body length to a measurement station varied from 2×10^6 to 138×10^6 .

Local Stanton numbers measured on the nose cone and flare showed fair agreement with laminar and turbulent theories, while the measurements on the cylinder were mentally somewhat lower than theory.

Experimental recovery factors, determined twice during the test, were unaccountably lower than theoretical values.

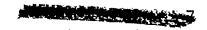
Local transition Reynolds numbers, based on length from the nose tip, varied from 3×10^6 to 18×10^6 and were much lower than values previously obtained on the smoother nose of a similar model.

At an angle of attack of about 9° , the heat transfer on the flare increased to more than twice the theoretical turbulent value for zero angle of attack.

INTRODUCTION

In the course of a program to investigate high-speed aerodynamic heat transfer, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics has flown several rocket-propelled research models designed to measure rates of skin heating at hypersonic speeds. Reference 1 reports such measurements on a 15° total-angle conical nose at Mach numbers up to 5.2. For





the present test, a model of the same cone-cylinder-flare configuration was instrumented to obtain data along the cylindrical body and flare skirt as well as along the conical nose. In order to obtain data at Mach numbers up to 9 in this test, an additional booster stage was used with the three-stage propulsion system of the previous model, which reached a Mach number of 7. However, the motor of the last stage failed to ignite and the maximum Mach number of the test was 4.7. Free-stream Reynolds numbers per foot ranged from 3×10^6 to 16.5×10^6 for the 7-foot 2-inch long model.

The tests were conducted at the Langley Pilotless Aircraft Research Station at Wallops Island, Va.

SYMBOLS

	k	thermal conductivity of air, $Btu-ft/(sq\ ft)(sec)(^{O}F)$
	h	local aerodynamic heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/(sq ft)(sec)(OF)
	g	gravitational constant, 32.2 ft/sec ²
	D _{cyl}	cylinder diameter, ft
_	D .	drag, 1b
	c_{W}	specific heat of wall material, Btu/lb-OF
	c_p	specific heat of air at constant pressure, Btu/lb-oF
	$C_{\mathbf{P}}$	pressure coefficient, $\frac{P - P_{\infty}}{q_{\infty}}$
	$c_{N_{\alpha}}$	rate of change of normal-force coefficient with $\alpha, \frac{dC_{N}}{d\alpha}$
	$\mathtt{C}_{\mathbf{N}}$	normal-force coefficient, Normal force/qS
	c _f	local skin-friction coefficient
	$c_{\mathbb{D}}$	drag coefficient, D/qS
	A	acceleration, ft/sec ²



M Mach number

 N_{Pr} Prandtl number, $\frac{c_p \mu g}{k}$

 N_{St} local Stanton number, $\frac{h}{c_{p, l} \rho_{l} V_{l} g}$

P static pressure, lb/sq ft

q dynamic pressure, lb/sq ft

 $R_{
m tr}$ local Reynolds number at transition

 R_{l} local Reynolds number, $\frac{\rho_{l}V_{l}x}{\mu_{l}}$

r radius, ft

S cylinder cross-sectional area, sq ft

T temperature, OR (unless otherwise noted)

t time, sec

V velocity, ft/sec

x distance along body, ft (unless otherwise noted)

W weight, 1b

α angle of attack, deg

ψ radial angle between plane of angle of attack and line of thermocouples on body (see fig. 10(b))

σ Stefan-Boltzman constant, 4.8×10^{-13} Btu/(sq ft)(sec)($^{\circ}$ R¹)

emissivity

ρ density of air, slugs/cu ft

 $\rho_{\mathbf{W}}$ density of wall material, lb/cu ft







τ	thickness of wall, ft (unless otherwise noted)
η_x	recovery factor
μ	viscosity of air, slugs/ft-sec

Subscripts:

aw	adiabatic wall
1	inner body
ı	local conditions just outside the boundary layer
t	stagnation
w	skin
∞	undisturbed free stream ahead of model

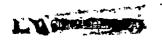
MODEL AND TESTS

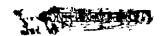
Model Configuration

The general configuration of the model is shown in figure 1(a), and pertinent dimensions are given in figure 1(b). The conical nose had a total angle of 15° and was 31 inches long. The cylindrical section was 8.5 inches in diameter and 35 inches long. The flare skirt which provided aerodynamic stability had a 10° half-angle and a base diameter of 15.55 inches. Total length of the model was 86 inches.

The model skin was constructed from Inconel sheet about 0.03 inch thick. (See table I.) The tip of the nose was machined from solid Inconel, hollowed out, and welded to the spun Inconel nose skin at station $5\frac{1}{2}$. The point was rounded off with a radius of about 0.01 inch.

A threaded joint at the base of the nose cone allowed the nose skin to be removed for access to the telemeter, which was carried within the nose section. The flare skirt was welded to the cylinder, and a stiffening ring of 0.03-inch-thick steel was riveted inside the skin at the junction. Further stiffening of the flare skirt was provided by a balsa-wood core. Two channels, 1/4 inch high by 3/4 inch wide, formed from 0.03-inch-thick Inconel, were welded along opposite sides of the cylindrical section to provide conduits for instrumentation wires.





The entire model skin was carefully polished. After polishing, the nose cone skin was oxidized by heating for 9 minutes in an oven at 1,950° to 2,000° F. This was done so that the oxidation condition of the skin, which influences the emissivity, would not be in question at the high temperatures expected during the flight. The cylinder-flare assembly could not be oxidized because the available furnace was not large enough to accommodate it.

Surface roughness measurements made with a Physicist's Research Co. Profilometer were as follows: on the oxidized nose cone, 8 to 15 rms microinches, and on the cylinder and flare sections, 6 to 10 rms microinches. However, subsequent to the test, sample roughness measurements made with the profilometer on polished, unoxidized Inconel were checked optically with a fringe-type interference microscope. The average roughness measured optically was about 3 or 4 times the values read with the profilometer. Readings could not be obtained with the interference microscope on oxidized Inconel. It appears that the surface roughness of the cylinder and flare skins probably was about 30 to 40 microinches.

Instrumentation

Twenty-three thermocouples were installed along the model skin: 12 on the nose cone, 5 on the cylinder, and 6 on the flare skirt. The thermocouple stations are indicated in the drawing of the model (fig. 1(b)). They were in a longitudinal line which was 90° circumferentially from the channels on the cylindrical section. The thermocouples were No. 30 chromel-alumel wires, with each wire individually spot-welded to the inner surface of the skin.

During flight the output of the thermocouples and three standard voltages were commutated at a rate such that each of these items was recorded six times per second. The three standard voltages, supplied by a mercury cell and voltage-dividing network, were chosen equivalent to the lowest temperature, the midrange temperature, and the highest temperature that the skin thermocouples were expected to reach. Commutation and transmission of these known voltages along with the voltage readings of the thermocouples provided an "in-flight" calibration of the thermocouple telemeter and recording system.

Measurements of thrust, drag, and normal and transverse accelerations were also telemetered. The accelerometers and the telemeter were carried in the nose section of the model. They were protected from the high temperatures reached by the skin during flight by a highly polished Inconel radiation shield inside, but not touching, the nose skin. A thermocouple was also installed on the radiation shield.





Propulsion and Test Technique

The propulsion system consisted of four stages of rocket motors. The first and second stages were each an M5 JATO, the third stage consisted of a bundle of three ABL Deacon motors carried within a cylindrical skin, and the fourth stage was a T40 motor carried within the cylindrical portion of the model. A photograph of the model and boosters on the launcher is shown in figure 1(c).

The firing times for the various stages were chosen to obtain the maximum Mach number possible without exceeding allowable skin temperatures. Premature separation of the later stages was prevented by locking devices between the second, third, and fourth stages. The motors were fired by delay squibs ignited at launching. Disengagement of the lock mechanism between the second and third stages was also accomplished by a delay squib, while the lock between the third and fourth stages was disengaged by the ignition blast of the fourth-stage motor.

The model was launched at an elevation angle of 70°. The test sequence was as planned until the time for ignition of the fourth-stage motor. Blast from the ignitor charge in the motor separated the model from the third stage satisfactorily, but the propellant grain did not ignite, and the model coasted upwards with decreasing Mach number instead of accelerating to a Mach number of 9 as intended. After separation an angle of attack occurred which had increased to about 9° when the range limit of Doppler radar was reached.

Time histories of free-stream Mach number and Reynolds number per foot are shown in figure 2(a) and altitude and free-stream static temperature are shown in figure 2(b). Velocity data were obtained by means of CW Doppler radar, and altitude and flight-path data were measured by an NACA modified SCR-584 tracking radar. Atmospheric conditions and wind directions and velocities were measured by radiosondes launched near the time of flight and tracked by a Rawin set AN/GMD-1A.

DATA REDUCTION

Heat Transfer

The time rate of change of heat stored in the model skin, per unit area, is

$$\rho_{\mathbf{W}} c_{\mathbf{W}} \tau \frac{d\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{W}}}{dt} \tag{1}$$





and can be equated to the sum of the heat-flow terms, of which the most important are aerodynamic heating:

$$h(T_{aw} - T_{w})$$
 (2)

external radiation:

$$-\sigma \epsilon_{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{W}}^{\ \mu} \tag{3}$$

internal radiation:

$$-\sigma \left(T_{\mathbf{W}}^{1} - T_{\underline{\mathbf{1}}}^{1}\right) / \left(\frac{r_{\mathbf{W}}}{r_{\underline{\mathbf{1}}}} \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\underline{\mathbf{1}}}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{W}}} - 1\right) \tag{4}$$

conduction on nose cone:

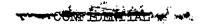
$$K_{w} \tau \left(\frac{d^{2} T_{w}}{dx^{2}} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d T_{w}}{dx} \right)$$
 (5)

and conduction on cylinder:

$$K_{W}^{T} \frac{d^{2}T_{W}}{dx^{2}} \tag{6}$$

The internal-radiation term is for coaxial cylinders (ref. 2) but was sufficiently accurate for the nose cone as well as the cylinder since its influence on the determination of h was a maximum of 10 percent and generally was less than 1 percent. It was disregarded for the flare stations since the flare was backed by balsa wood.

Solar radiation was neglected since estimates showed that its maximum effect on the determination of h was less than 2 percent. The conduction terms (eqs. 5 and 6) were neglected since their effects were less than 1 percent at all cylinder and flare stations other than the two closest to the cylinder-flare juncture. At these two stations and at the cone stations the effect was probably larger, particularly at times when aerodynamic heating was small, but the term could not be evaluated because the irregular temperature gradients and limited number of measurement points made the determination of $d^2T_{\rm w}/dx^2$ completely unreliable.



The expression used to determine the heat-transfer coefficient was then

$$\rho_{\mathbf{w}} c_{\mathbf{w}} \tau \frac{d \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{w}}}{d \mathbf{t}} + \sigma \epsilon_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{w}}^{\mu} + \frac{\sigma \left(\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{w}}^{\mu} - \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{1}}^{\mu}\right)}{\frac{\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{w}}}{\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{1}}} \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{1}}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{w}}} - 1}$$

$$h = \frac{\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{w}} - \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{w}}}{\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{n}} - \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{w}}}$$
(7)

and local Stanton numbers were computed from

$$N_{St} = \frac{h}{c_{p,l}\rho_l V_l g}$$
 (8)

Values of h were determined for each station for several times during the test-by using the measured skin temperatures and graphically determined values of $dT_{\rm w}/dt$. The skin thicknesses τ were measured and are given in table I. The density of Inconel $\rho_{\rm w}$ was a known constant of 518 pounds per cubic foot. The specific heat of Inconel $c_{\rm w}$ and the emissivity ϵ for polished and oxidized Inconel are shown as functions of temperature in figure 3 as obtained from reference 3. The polished radiation shield, which was the inner body for the nose cone, had a constant value of ϵ_1 of 0.28 since its temperature was between 70° F and 110° F during the test. The oxidized steel case of the rocket motor, which was the inner body for the cylinder, was assumed to have a value ϵ_1 of 0.7 and a temperature T_1 of 70° F.

Adiabatic-wall temperature was computed from

$$T_{aw} = \eta_r (T_t - T_l) + T_l$$
 (9)

by using both theoretical and experimental values of η_r . For theoretical values of η_r , the usual $N_{Pr}^{1/3}$ for turbulent flow and $N_{Pr}^{1/2}$ for laminar flow were used, with N_{Pr} evaluated at wall temperature. Determination of the experimental values of η_r is explained in the next section. Stagnation temperature T_t was calculated from flight conditions with the variation of c_p with temperature being considered. Values of the local flow condition T_l , ρ_l , and V_l were determined as explained in the appendix.



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Experimental Recovery Factors

At times when the aerodynamic heat transfer was zero, T_W was equal to T_{RW} , and equation (7) reduces to

$$\rho_{\mathbf{W}} C_{\mathbf{W}} \tau \frac{d \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{W}}}{d t} = -\sigma \epsilon_{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{W}}^{\ \mu} - \frac{\sigma \left(\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{W}}^{\ \mu} - \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{1}}^{\ \mu} \right)}{\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{W}} \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{1}}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{W}}} - 1}$$
(10)

The times at which this equality existed were determined, and experimental values of η_r were computed from

$$\eta_{r} = \frac{T_{ew} - T_{l}}{T_{t} - T_{l}} \tag{11}$$

by substituting the measured values of $T_{\rm W}$ for $T_{\rm BW}$.

Angle of Attack and CD

The resultant acceleration perpendicular to the longitudinal axis and its radial orientation were found from the telemetered normal and transverse accelerations. Approximate angles of attack were then computed from the equation

$$\alpha = \frac{W}{g} \frac{A_{resultant}}{C_{N_{c}} qS} \times 57.3$$
 (12)

Estimated values of $C_{N_{\mathbf{C}}}(\alpha=0)$, which varied from 0.13 per radian at M = 3 to 0.115 per radian at M = 7, were used in equation (12). Angle of attack was determined for the present model at times after separation from the third-stage booster and for the model of reference 1 during coast after peak Mach number when drag measurements herein reported were obtained.

Drag coefficients were reduced from the accelerometer data of the present test and the test of reference 1 by the equation

$$C_{D} = \frac{W}{gqS} (A_{longitudinal} + A_{resultant} \sin \alpha)$$
 (13)





Drag coefficients were also obtained in the present test by differentiating Doppler velocity data and using these acceleration values in the equation

$$C_{D} = \frac{W}{gqS} (A_{Doppler} - g \sin \theta)$$
 (14)

where θ is the angle of the flight path with the horizon.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Temperature Measurements and Heating Rates

The temperatures measured at the 12 nose-cone stations are shown in figures 4(a) to 4(c), the 5 cylinder stations in figure 4(d), and the 6 flare stations in figure 4(e). The temperatures on the cylinder, and, likewise, those on the flare, were within 16^{O} F of each other at times prior to about 20 seconds and are indicated by a single line in figures 4(d) and 4(e). The values for each of these stations are listed in table II for times when Ngt data were compiled. Temperatures for the nose-cone stations are not tabulated since they can be read accurately from the curves of figures 4(a) to 4(c).

The temperatures at all stations increased most rapidly near 8 seconds when the altitude was about 10,000 feet and the Mach number was 3. The maximum rate was 177° per second at station 6.5. At 21 seconds the Mach number was 4,-but the higher altitude of 41,000 feet caused the heating rates to be slightly less than at the earlier time. Near 22 seconds an abrupt reduction in rate of rise of skin temperature on the cone and forward part of the cylinder suggests that the boundary layer changed from turbulent to laminar as the Mach number increased to its maximum value of 4.7. This is confirmed by the Stanton numbers presented later.

The distribution of actual heat-transfer rate along the body is shown in figure 5 for time 22 seconds. Transition occurred about half-way back on the nose cone at this time, and caused a large variation in heat transfer along the nose. At 22 seconds the heating rates on the flare skirt were approximately the same as on the rear part of the nose. They were also similar at all times during the test except when the flow was laminar on the entire nose.

The heating rates on the cylinder were roughly one-half those on the flare as the Mach number increased from 2 to 4.70 during the time period from 16 to 22 seconds.





Figure 5 shows approximately the highest rates measured during the test, except for locations shead of station 25. Stations along the forward part of the nose attained maximum values of 20 to 25 Btu/(sec)(sq ft) at about 8 seconds. At 16.0 seconds when the skin was being cooled by the boundary layer, the rates were -2 to -3 Btu/(sec)(sq ft) on the cone and flare and about -1.5 Btu/(sec)(sq ft) on the cylinder.

Local Flow Parameters

Local flow conditions for each station were determined as described in the appendix. Figure 6 shows time histories of M_l , T_l , and of R_l based on length from the nose tip to the measurement station. On the cone, values of M_l and T_l are the same for each station. For the cylinder and for the flare, values of M_l and T_l are shown for the most forward and most rearward stations. Values of R_l based on length from the nose tip to the measurement station are likewise plotted for the most forward and most rearward stations on the three sections of the body. Linear interpolation gives accuracy within 2 or 3 percent for M_l , T_l , and R_l on the cylinder and flare. The exact values are given in tables III to V.

Time histories of the ratio $T_{\rm W}/T_{\it l}$ are shown in figure 7. The spread of this ratio for each section of the body is shown; values for each station can be obtained from the plotted or tabulated values of $T_{\rm W}$ and $T_{\it l}$.

Heat Transfer With Theoretical nr

The experimental heat-transfer data obtained by using theoretical recovery factors are plotted in figure 8 as distributions of $N_{\rm St}$ along the body for a succession of times throughout the test. The data for typical stations on the nose cone, the cylinder, and the flare are plotted against time in figure 9.

Curves of theoretical N_{St} are also shown in figures 8 and 9 for comparison with the data. The laminar values for the nose cone were obtained from the flat-plate theory of reference 4 by using the local flow conditions and multiplying by the usual cone correction factor, $\sqrt{3}$. Theoretical turbulent values for the cone, cylinder, and flare were determined from local skin-friction coefficients by using the relation $N_{St} = 0.6c_f$ (see refs. 5 and 6). The values of c_f at local flow conditions were obtained from Van Driest's flat-plate theory as presented





in charts in reference 7. The local Reynolds numbers used with the theory were based on one-half cone length plus cylinder length plus one-half flare length from the nose tip to the measurement station. For the cone stations the Reynolds numbers were thus one-half the values of R_{l} given in figure 6 and table V, in accordance with the theory of reference 8 for turbulent flow from the nose tip. For the cylinder stations the Reynolds numbers were equal to R_{l} times the factor (x-15.5)/x and for the flare they were equal to R_{l} times the factor (x+35)/2x where x is the station in inches.

The experimental N_{St} data in the plots of figure 8 are similar in trend along the body to the turbulent theory although the agreement in magnitude is not generally close at times prior to 20 seconds. For the cone stations, the poor agreement with the turbulent theory is unexpected since experimental data on the similar but unoxidized nose cone of reference 1 agreed closely with the theory.

Part of the scatter in the data shown in figures 8 and 9 for times from about 10 to 20 seconds can be attributed to the fact that the heating rates were relatively low between these times. Near 12 seconds and 19 seconds, $T_{\rm W}$ becomes equal to $T_{\rm aW}$ computed from theoretical recovery factors, as indicated in figure 9, and between these times the skin was being cooled relatively slowly. Since the accuracy of h as determined from equation (7) deteriorates as $T_{\rm W}$ approaches $T_{\rm aW}$, more scatter would be expected in the $N_{\rm St}$ data at times from about 10 to 20 seconds than at earlier or later times. This is particularly shown in the time-history plots of figure 9 by the divergence in the $N_{\rm St}$ data as the condition $T_{\rm W} = T_{\rm aW}$ is approached. In the present case the divergence is toward a lower value of $N_{\rm St}$ when $T_{\rm W}$ is less than $T_{\rm aW}$, toward a higher value of $N_{\rm St}$ when $T_{\rm W}$ is higher than $T_{\rm aW}$ and would have been reduced if the values of $T_{\rm aW}$ had been lower; that is, if the recovery factors had been lower.

The accuracy of the $N_{\rm St}$ data should be best for the time period 21 to 23 seconds (figs. 8(e) and 8(f)) because of the high heating potential $T_{\rm aW}$ - $T_{\rm W}$ associated with this high Mach number part of the test. The data show that laminar flow occurred first at the forward nose station and spread back over the nose and body at times near maximum Mach number. Transition Reynolds numbers are presented in a subsequent section.

The plots for times 21 to 23 seconds also indicate the following points: The laminar data on the nose cone were in fair agreement with

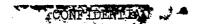


laminar theory, as was the case in reference 1 for the similar but unoxidized nose. The turbulent data on the cone were in fair agreement with the theory for turbulent flow from the nose tip. On the cylinder, the turbulent data for stations not closely behind transition were somewhat lower than the turbulent theory shown. (Basing the theory for the cylinder on length from the nose tip rather than on one-half cone length plus length along the cylinder, does not appreciably improve the agreement, since this lowers the theory by less than 10 percent at the front of the cylinder and by less than 5 percent at the rear.) The level of the turbulent data on the cylinder was highest close behind transition, as would be expected, but did not exceed the theory even when transition was on the cylinder. On the flare, the data were in fair agreement with the theory except at 23 seconds when transition was located on the cylinder.

Reference 9 reports heat-transfer measurements on a 10° flare preceded by an ogive-cylinder body of slightly higher fineness ratio than the present body. The flare was 1.73 cylinder diameters long. In that test, with transition on the cylinder, the heat transfer on the rearward half of the flare agreed well with flat-plate turbulent theory based on length from the start of the flare. This theory for the flare is included in figure 8(f). It is considerably higher than most of the present flare measurements except when transition was located on the cylinder.

At times after 23 seconds, figure 8(g) shows that the general level of the heat-transfer data increased markedly. This increase is attributed to angle-of-attack conditions which commenced when the model separated from the third-stage booster at 23 seconds. The angle of attack, determined as indicated in the section entitled "Data Reduction," increased almost linearly with time as shown in figure 10(a). The orientation of the line of thermocouples with the plane of the angle of attack, as determined from the normal and transverse accelerometer readings, varied as shown in figure 10(b).

As the angle of attack increased, the zero angle-of-attack values of the local flow parameters $c_{p,\,l}\rho_l V_l$ which were used to convert experimental h to NSt doubtless become less accurate for all stations. Although corrections for angle of attack were not attempted for the cylinder and flare stations, values of $(c_{p,\,l}\rho_l V_l)$ at the nose-cone stations were computed for the conditions of figure 10 by using second-order yawed cone theory (refs. 10 to 13). These values modified the experimental and theoretical data only slightly at times 2^{l_1} and 2^{l_2} seconds. At 2^{l_3} seconds the experimental data were lowered by about 30 percent as shown in figure 8(g), while the effect on the theoretical data was to raise the turbulent values by 5 percent and lower the laminar values by 10 percent. The corrections do not improve the agreement



between experiment and theory. Probably the length used in determining local Reynolds number is invalid for the angle-of-attack conditions because of crossflow on the cone. It may be noted, however, that, at the angle of attack of 5°, the measured heat transfer on the flare was 50 percent higher than that predicted by the turbulent theory for zero angle of attack. At an angle of attack of 9° the measured values were more than double those predicted by theory for zero angle of attack, although some of the increase may be due to the location of transition which appears to have been near the rear of the cylinder.

Experimental Recovery Factors

The experimental recovery factors which were obtained at times of zero aerodynamic heating as described in the section entitled "Data Reduction" are shown in figure 11. Two sets of η_{r} values were obtained since the heating became zero twice at each station. Free-stream Mach numbers varied from 2.45 to 2.75, and table VI, which gives the times and corresponding local Mach numbers, shows that at each station $M_{\tilde{l}}$ was very similar for the two η_{r} evaluations.

Figure 11 shows that the two η_r values are different at most of the stations, and that all are lower than the theoretical values of $\Pr^{1/3}$ (which were near 0.88) based on wall temperature. Agreement with the theoretical laminar value of $N_{Pr}^{1/2}$ is not to be expected since the N_{St} data of figures 8 and 9 indicate that the heat transfer all along the body was of turbulent level at times near η_r evaluations. The low level of the η_r data cannot be attributed to conduction, which was not considered in the heat balance as noted previously, since conduction could not affect all stations in the same direction. Figure 12 shows the temperature distributions along the body near the times of the two sets of η_r evaluations. Rough similarities exist between the recovery-factor distributions and the temperature distributions, but no way of correlating them has been found.

Heat Transfer With Experimental nr

Although the unusually low values of η_r are unexplained, their use in place of the theoretical values of η_r results in a more regular variation of the N_{St} data over the changing conditions of the test. This is shown by figure 13 which presents the N_{St} data, based on experimental values of η_r for the same three stations shown in figure 9 where



the data were based on theoretical values of η_{r} . It is apparent that the previously noted divergence of the N_{St} data as T_{w} approaches T_{aw} , is greatly reduced, and that the data are in fair agreement with the turbulent theory at each of the three stations shown over the entire range of the flight conditions until near the end of the test when laminar-flow and angle-of-attack conditions occurred.

Use of the experimental recovery factors also results in more uniform distributions of N_{St} along the body, especially during the period of relatively low heat-transfer rates from 10 to 20 seconds. This can be seen by comparing the plots of figure 14, which show the N_{St} data based on experimental values of $\eta_{\mathbf{r}}$ for times 8, 16, and 20 to 23 seconds, with the plots for the same times in figures 8(b) and 8(d) to 8(f) where the data are based on theoretical values of $\eta_{\mathbf{r}}$. The data for times 16.0 and 20.0 seconds show less scatter when based on experimental values of $\eta_{\mathbf{r}}$, while the data for the times of stronger aerodynamic heating, 8 seconds and 21 to 23 seconds, are less affected by the change from theoretical to experimental values of $\eta_{\mathbf{r}}$.

The heat-transfer results of the test, in general, indicate the following characteristics: For the nose cone, cylinder, and forward part of the flare, the data compare with the theories in essentially the same manner for either theoretical or experimental $\eta_r\colon$ That is, on the nose cone the data show fair agreement with the laminar and turbulent cone theories; on the cylinder the data are somewhat lower than turbulent theory based on one-half cone length plus cylinder length; and on the flare, within about one cylinder diameter of the flare juncture, the data are in fair agreement with turbulent theory based on 1/2 cone length, plus cylinder length, plus 1/2 flare length. However, for the rearward part of the flare, the data based on theoretical η_r agreed fairly well with theory for the flare as stated above, while the data based on experimental η_r agree better with theory based on length from the start of the flare.

Prediction of Skin Temperatures

In order to determine the accuracy with which the theory would have predicted the measured skin temperatures, step-by-step computations were made for station 15.5 on the nose cone, station 55 on the cylinder, and station 75 on the flare by using the actual flight conditions and theoretical recovery factors. Comparisons of the measured and computed temperatures are shown in figure 15. The computations overestimated the temperatures on the nose and cylinder by about 50°F. On the flare, the



computations overestimated the measurements by a maximum of 40° F until after 23 seconds, when angle-of-attack conditions caused the flare temperatures to rise considerably faster than the values computed for zero angle of attack.

Transition

As noted previously, laminar flow first occurred at 20 seconds at the forward station on the nose cone, and spread back over the body as the Mach number increased from 3 to 4.7. Lower Reynolds numbers per foot had occurred earlier in the test, at times from 14 to 19 seconds, without indication of laminar flow at any measurement station. However, from 14 to 19 seconds the skin was hotter than the boundary layer, which would make laminar flow less likely than at 20 seconds.

Local transition Reynolds numbers based on length from the nose tip, determined from the NSt plots of figure 8 are shown in figure 16(a) as a function of local Mach number. At the two highest Mach numbers the location of transition is not precise, and a range is shown for Rtr. Also shown in the figure are the transition Reynolds numbers obtained on the similar but polished and unoxidized nose cone of reference 1. The present values are much lower than those of reference 1 except at the maximum Mach number. Figure 16(b) shows the ratio of wall static temperature to local static temperature at the transition stations for the data of figure 16(a). The infinite stability boundary for twodimensional disturbances, given in reference 14, is shown by the solid curve. At-Mach numbers of 3.66, 4.12, and 4.25 the temperature conditions were more stabilizing for the present data than for the data of reference 1. Probably the values of $R_{\mathsf{t,r}}$ are lower for the present test because of the rougher surface of the oxidized nose cone. The highest value of R_{tr} for the present test, 19×10^6 , which is in agreement with the cone data of reference 1 for a Mach number 4.7. occurred when transition was on the polished cylinder.

<u>Drag.</u> Drag coefficients for the test configuration are shown in figure 17. The data points between Mach numbers 4.15 and 4.5 are from both telemetered accelerometer and Doppler radar measurements of the present test obtained after the model separated from the third-stage booster. The drag coefficient roughly doubled as the model went to an angle of attack of about 9°.

Drag accelerometer measurements, not previously reported, were obtained in the investigation of reference 1, wherein the external model configuration was identical to that of the present test. These are the data shown at Mach numbers between 6.9 and 7 in figure 17. The normal



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and transverse accelerometers carried in that model indicated that an angle of attack of 1° was reached during the coast after sustainer motor burnout while the drag measurements were being obtained. Failure of the telemeter signal ended the measurements at a Mach number of 6.9.

The solid curve, which is the total of the estimated $C_{\rm D}$ components shown by the broken curves, is in good agreement with the data near a Mach number of 7, and with the data for the lower angles of attack near a Mach number of 4.5.

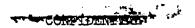
CONCLUDING REMARKS

Measurements of aerodynamic heat transfer have been made during conditions of skin heating and skin cooling at 23 stations along the 7-foot 2-inch length of a cone-cylinder-flare model having a 15° total angle conical nose and a 10° half-angle flare skirt. Data were obtained at free-stream Mach numbers from 1.7 to 4.7. Local Reynolds numbers based on length from the nose tip to a measurement station covered the range from 2×10^6 to 138×10^6 .

Experimental recovery factors for turbulent boundary layer which were determined on two occasions during the test were unaccountably much lower than the theoretical value of Prandtl number $N_{\rm Pr}^{1/3}$. Local Stanton numbers were determined from the skin-temperature measurements by using both theoretical and experimental recovery factors.

The data for the nose cone were in fair agreement with laminar and turbulent theories for cones. The turbulent measurements on the cylinder were generally somewhat lower than turbulent theory based on one-half the cone length plus length along the cylinder. Measurements along the flare within about one cylinder diameter of the start of the flare were in fair agreement with turbulent theory based on one-half the cone length plus cylinder length plus one-half the length along the flare. On the remainder of the flare, the measurements agreed best with theory based on length as just described or with theory based on length from the start of the flare, depending on whether the Stanton number data were determined by using theoretical or experimental recovery factors.

Local Reynolds numbers at the start of transition based on length from the nose tip and determined from the heat-transfer coefficients varied from 3×10^6 to 18×10^6 . These values were much lower than were previously obtained at fairly similar conditions on the smoother nose of a duplicate model.



During the later part of the test, the model pitched to an angle of attack of about 9°, and the turbulent heat transfer on the flare increased to more than twice the theoretical value for zero angle of attack.

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Langley Field, Va., September 25, 1957.





APPENDIX

DETERMINATION OF LOCAL FLOW CONDITIONS

Nose Cone

The local flow parameters $\frac{M_{\tilde{l}}}{M_{\infty}}$, $\frac{V_{\tilde{l}}}{V_{\infty}}$, $\frac{\rho_{\tilde{l}}}{\rho_{\infty}}$, and $\frac{T_{\tilde{l}}}{T_{\infty}}$ for the nose cone stations were obtained from the cone tables given in reference 9.

Cylindrical Section

The static-pressure coefficients for the measurement stations on the cylindrical section were obtained from the data of reference 15 which presents a method of characteristics solutions of surface flow parameters for a family of cone-cylinder bodies at several Mach numbers. These static pressures presented as ratios of the local total pressure, which is the value behind the nose shock, gave the values of $\frac{M_{\tilde{L}}}{M_{\infty}}$ from which the other local flow parameters were computed by using isentropic flow relations.

Flare

Estimates of the static-pressure-coefficient distribution along the flare were based on the results of reference 16, which reports a wind-tunnel test on a cone-cylinder-flare model having a 20° total angle conical nose, a cylindrical section 2.96 diameters long, and a 9° 36.3' half-angle flare. The model of the present test had a 15° total-angle conical nose, a cylindrical section 4.12 diameters long, and a 10° half-angle flare. The test of reference 16 was conducted at a Mach number of 1.90 and a Reynolds number of 3.2 \times 10 6 based on body length. There was no indication of separated flow at the cylinder-flare juncture from the schlieren photographs or from the pressure measurements.

The measured pressure coefficients of reference 16 and the faired curve which was used for the flare pressure distribution in the present report are shown in figure 18 for M=1.9. The measured values fell between the 10° cone and 10° wedge theories, and approached the cone theory at the rearward stations. The faired distribution along the non-dimensional flare length was applied for the present test at Mach numbers other than 1.9 by assuming that its relation to the cone and wedge theories was invariant with Mach number. The distributions obtained





thereby for Mach numbers 3.0 and 4.3 are shown in figure 18. Also shown at each Mach number are unpublished measurements for 10° flares recently obtained in rocket-powered flight tests. These data agree fairly well with the faired distribution for M=1.9 and also substantiate its application to the higher Mach numbers, except at locations immediately behind the flare junction where the unpublished data are lower than the assumed distribution. This may be due to a small region of separated flow at the junction which could also have existed in the present test.

Total pressure along the flare was obtained by assuming a two-dimensional shock at the cylinder-flare juncture, with the Mach number ahead of the shock and static pressure ratio across the shock known from the values on the end of the cylinder and on the forward part of the flare. The static-pressure distribution and the total pressure gave the values of $\frac{M_{\rm 1}}{M_{\odot}}$ along the flare from which the other flow parameters were computed.





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TABLE I .- SKIN THICKNESSES

Cor	.e	Cy1	Lind	ler	Flare			
Station, in	Skin thickness, T, in.	Station,	in.	Skin thickness, r, in.	Station, i	in.	Skin thickness, T, in.	
6.5	0.0308	35.0		0.0294	68.0		0.0291	
8.0	.0304	45.0		.0294	70.0		.0286	
9.5	.0316	55.0	55.0		72.0		.0296	
11.0	.0308	64.0		.0263	75.0		.0282	
12.5	.0305	65.0	65.0		80.0		.0287	
14.0	.0309				85.0	85.0		
15.5	.0303							
17.0	.0314							
19.0	.0316							
21.0	.0314							
25.0	.0301							
29.0	.0312							



TABLE II.- SKIN TEMPERATURES

		·		Skir	ı tempera	atures, T _w , ^O F, on -							
t, sec		СJ	linder			Flare							
	Station 35	Station 45	Station 55	Station 64	Station 65	Station 68	Station 70	Station 72	Station 75	Station 80	Station 85		
6.0 7.0 7.5 8.5 9.5 10.0 12.0 14.0 15.0 18.5 19.0 21.5 22.0 21.0 21.0 21.0 21.0 21.0 21.0 21.0	97 141 178 223 270 311 369 401 393 352 347 368 4151 482 517 532	95 142 181 2276 318 347 368 397 401 398 357 348 3792 458 494 535 552	97 146 183 229 280 323 352 373 409 404 395 361 375 375 375 375 375 375 375 375 375 375	95 144 182 226 274 318 352 410 404 395 346 370 426 520 553 572	96 148 184 235 286 360 360 360 407 398 307 348 378 478 478 524 524 529 583	102 168 223 289 361 413 446 484 455 437 375 366 359 363 447 509 680 787	102 163 216 283 357 416 468 485 459 449 377 369 363 459 523 710 760 798	100 161 212 276 354 411 446 487 456 456 456 459 362 365 460 567 709 759 799	104 158 282 356 412 470 488 450 450 453 565 765 754 793	103 160 212 278 351 407 443 486 485 456 456 456 457 459 459 526 690 738 776	102 157 207 277 349 458 475 450 450 450 366 453 453 453 453 453 453 453 453 459		

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TABLE IV .- LOCAL TEMPERATURE

	Local temperature T_l , $^{\rm O}$ R, on -												
t, sec	Cone		(ylinder			Flare						
	All stations	Station 35	Station 45	Station 55	Station 64	Station 65	Station 68	Station 70	Station 72	Station 75	Station 80	Station 85	
6.0 7.0 7.5 8.0 9.5 10.0 12.0 14.0 15.0 16.0 18.5 19.0 21.0 21.5 22.0 23.0 24.0 26.0	5075 515 5221 5521 5500 47528 400 4150 4458 455 456 439 4458 4458 4458 4458 4458 4458 4458 445	464 455 455 448 445 445 446 447 446 447 447 448 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449	479 470 466 457 455 445 457 455 445 425 411 401 393 376 377 378 379 376 377 378 376 376 376 376 376 376 376	482 476 473 464 462 456 456 451 440 458 388 388 388 388 388 388 388 374 374	485 479 476 465 459 459 459 459 459 459 459 459 459 45	486 480 477 468 466 459 455 445 420 420 420 430 430 430 430 430 430 430 43	542 5542 5562 5595 5595 5595 5595 5595 5595 559	537 554 562 570 569 559 541 522 506 437 438 444 469 525 519 519 500	537 549 557 565 565 565 566 536 506 466 454 433 4465 500 523 527 514 505 496	530 544 554 560 552 539 539 539 461 450 426 436 494 518 514 510 514 510 514	527 539 547 555 547 552 547 529 529 549 458 445 457 514 517 506 497 5485	527 537 553 554 552 554 555 554 554 555 554 555 555	

TABLE V .- LOCAL REYNOLDS NUMBERS

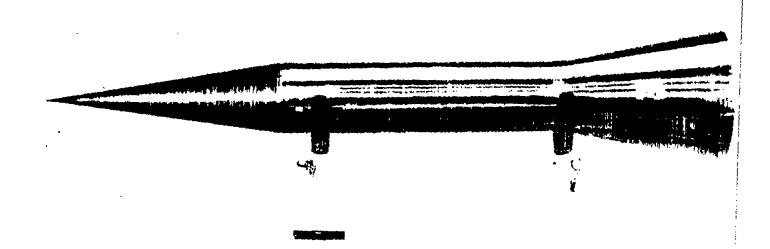
	Reynolds	Reynolds number R _l on -											
t, sec	number	Cylinder					Flare						
		Station 35	Station 45	Station 55	Station 64	Station 65	Station 68	Station 70	Station 72	Station 75	Station 80	Station 85	
7.0 7.5 8.0 8.5 9.0	11111111111111111111111111111111111111	42.4 78.7.4 75.4.1.4 75.4.5 19.5 114.0 116.7 118.6 117.4	495655148505252980264294	27.9 30.3 31.4 29.4 23.7	71785255,287788859565474	727908856563224618802074657388880207	112.3 102.3 102.3 102.3 102.3 103.3	89.4 107.6 117.7 112.9 88.6 102.9 88.6 10.2 106.4 10.2 10.2 10.3 10.2 10.3 10.2 10.3 10.3 10.3 10.3 10.3 10.3 10.3 10.3	55.1 57.4 42.1 55.1 57.7 54.7 54.7 54.1 55.7 54.1	998 774875.14 2006 2 1 2 8 8 7 7 8 8 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	101.6 115.2 136.2 136.2 104.9 104.9 104.9 104.9 104.4 104.9 105.1 104.9 105.1 106.2	105.5 126.9 136.9 1320.1 120.6 1029.5 760.2 408.1 108.	
24.0 25.0 26.0	.5 .4 .3		14.8 12.3 10.1	15.4	21.9 18.0 14.8	27.9 22.1 18.3 15.0	33.3 27.3 22.1	35.7 27.5 22.3	34.7 28.5 23.1	35.5 29.3 23.7	57.2 30.6 24.9	39.5 32.3 26.1	



TABLE VI.- TIMES AND CONDITIONS FOR EXPERIMENTAL RECOVERY FACTOR EVALUATIONS

Station	Firs	t evaluati	on	Secor	nd evaluat	ion
Station	t, sec	М	ηr	t, sec	Мг	$\eta_{ extbf{r}}$
6.0 9.0 9.0 12.1 15.0 10.	10.53 10.82 10.68 11.18 10.98 11.20 11.20 11.74 11.18 11.25 12.53 12.53 12.47 11.34 11.34	22222222222222222222222222222222222222	0.750 .747 .781 .795 .795 .738 .693 .784 .731 .849 .827 .832 .792 .833 .833 .833 .833 .833 .833 .833 .83	19.60 19.33 19.23 19.25 19.29 19.29 19.34 19.24 19.45 19.45 19.49 19.49 19.49 19.49 19.42	8 417669541866926667893978 222222222222222222222222222222222222	0.663 .706 .795 .796 .813 .741 .864 .783 .766 .774 .811 .724 .836 .777 .778 .778 .778 .782 .763 .775 .778

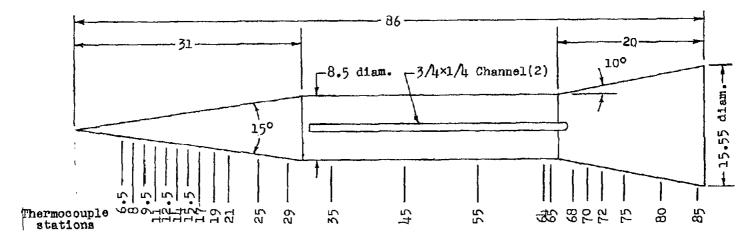




(a) Photograph of model.

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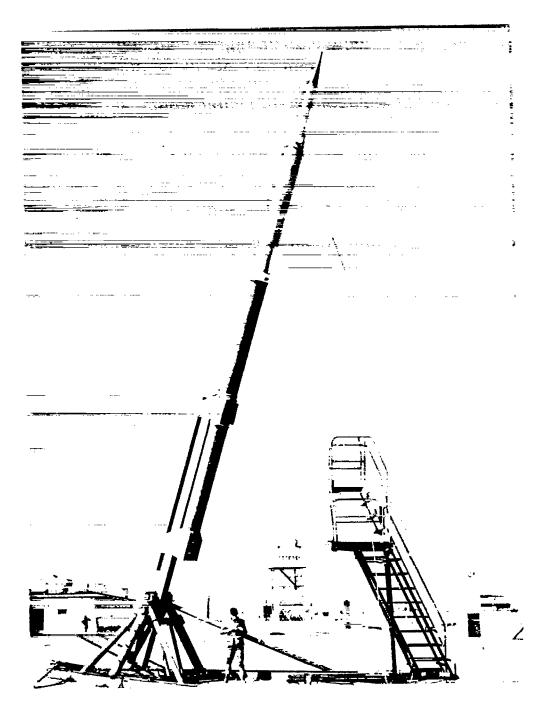
Figure 1.- Test configuration.



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(b) Model dimensions and thermocouple stations. Dimensions in inches.

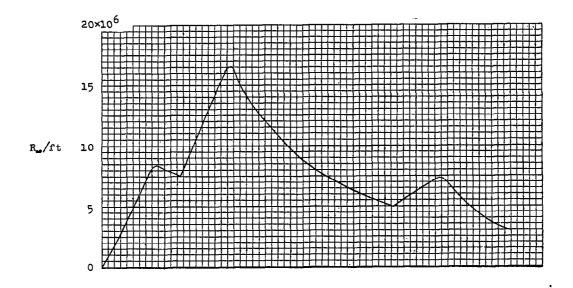
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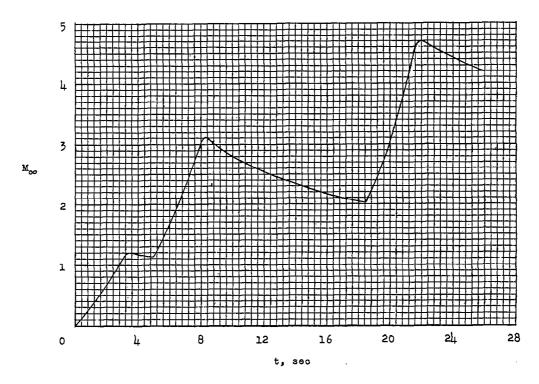


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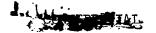


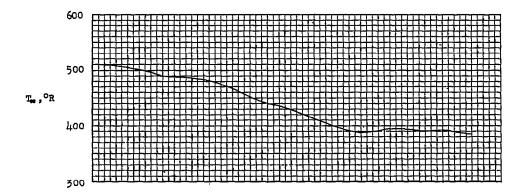


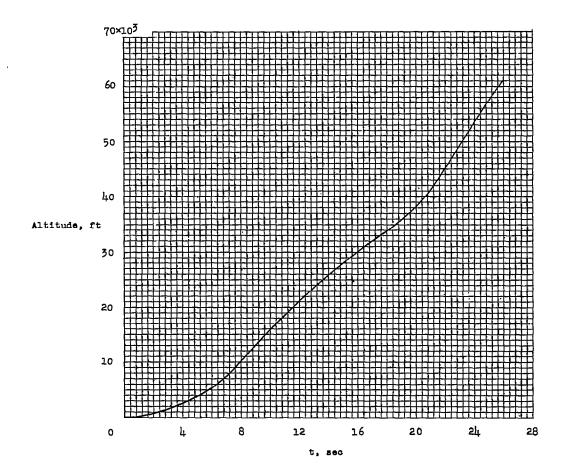
(a) Free-stream Reynolds number per foot and free-stream Mach number.

Figure 2.- Time histories of free-stream test conditions.









(b) Altitude and free-stream static temperature.

Figure 2.- Concluded.



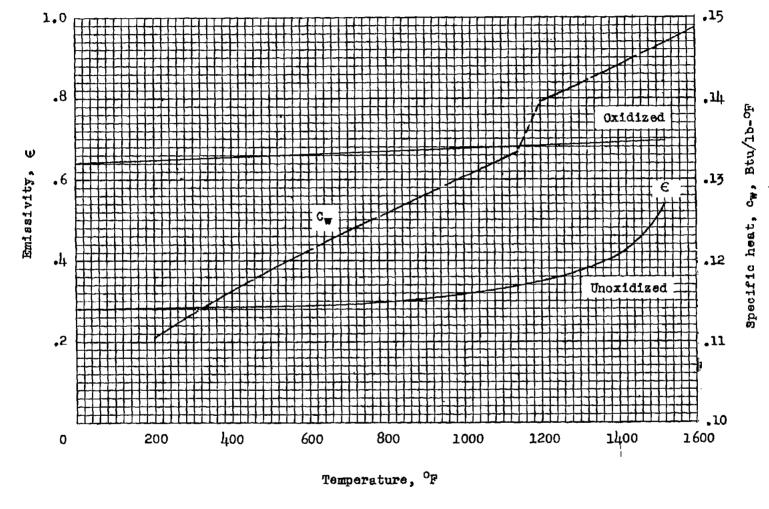
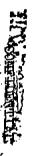
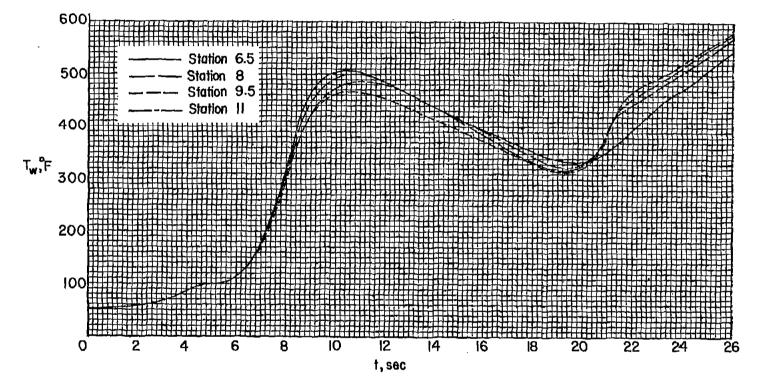


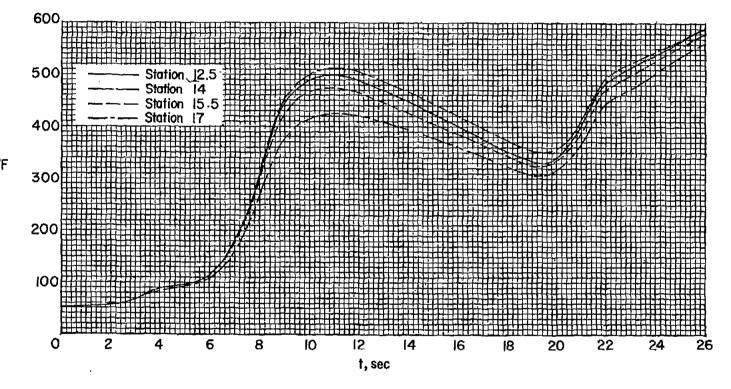
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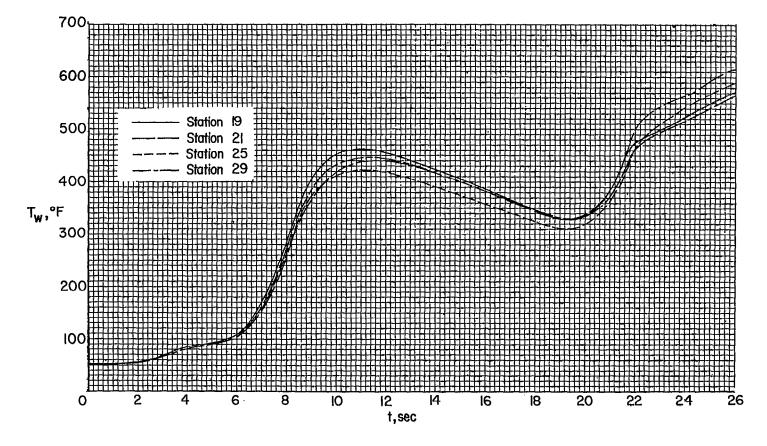
(a) Nose-cone stations 6.5, 8.0, 9.5, and 11.0.

Figure 4.- Measured skin temperatures.



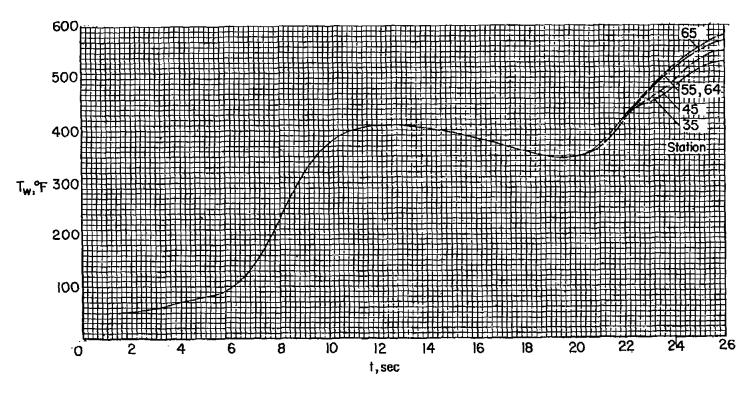
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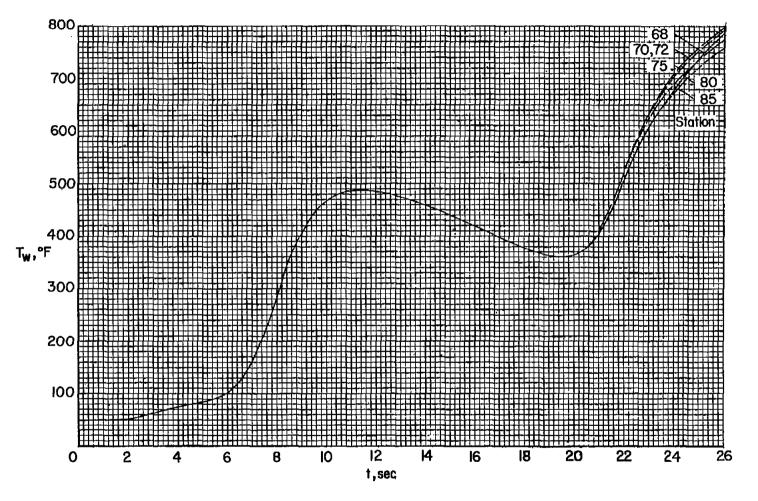
(c) Nose-cone stations 19.0, 21.0, 25.0, and 29.0.

Figure 4.- Continued.



(d) Cylinder stations 35.0, 45.0, 55.0, 64.0, and 65.0. Figure 4.- Continued.





(e) Flare stations 68.0, 70.0, 72.0, 80.0, and 85.0.

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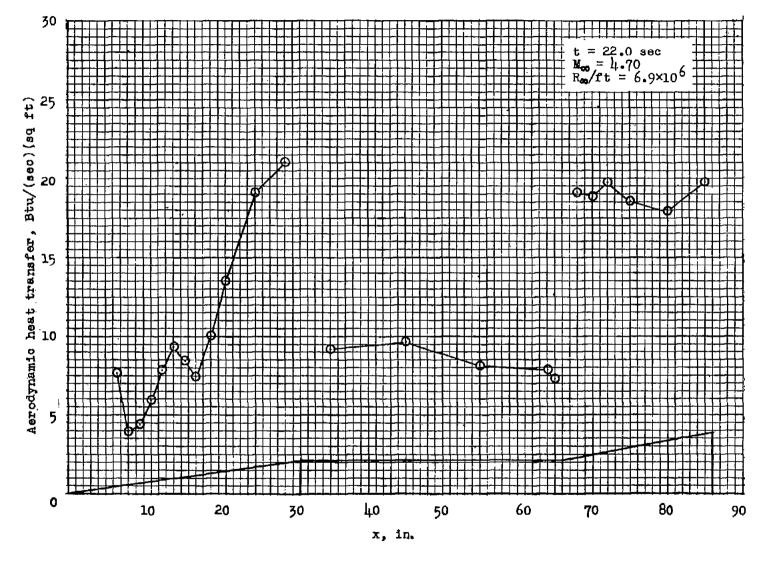


Figure 5.- Distribution of heat-transfer rates along the body at t = 22.0 seconds.

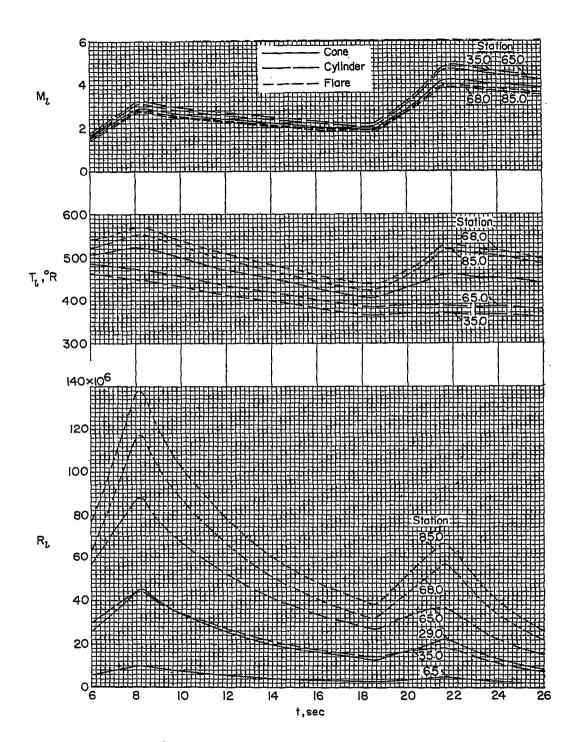


Figure 6.- Time histories of local flow conditions.



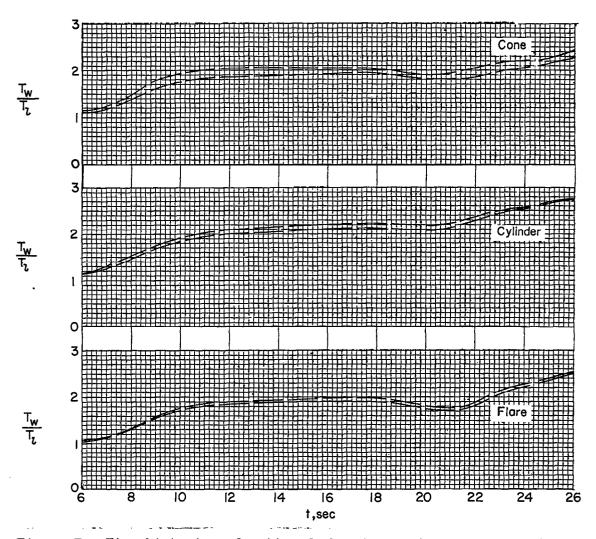
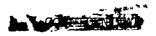
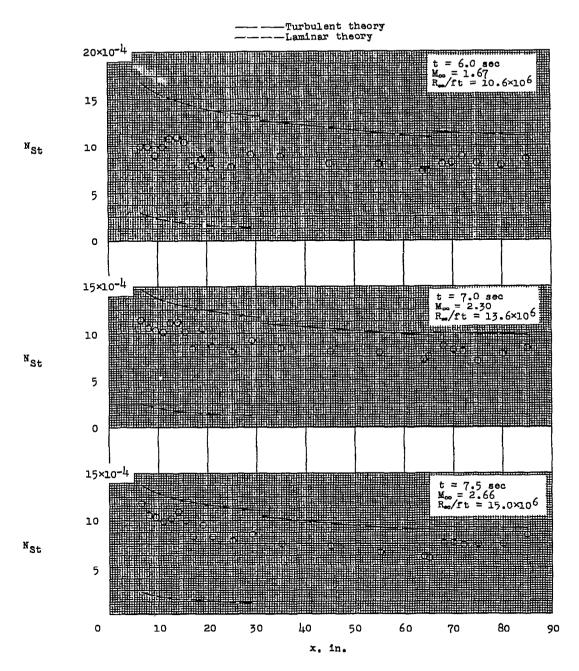


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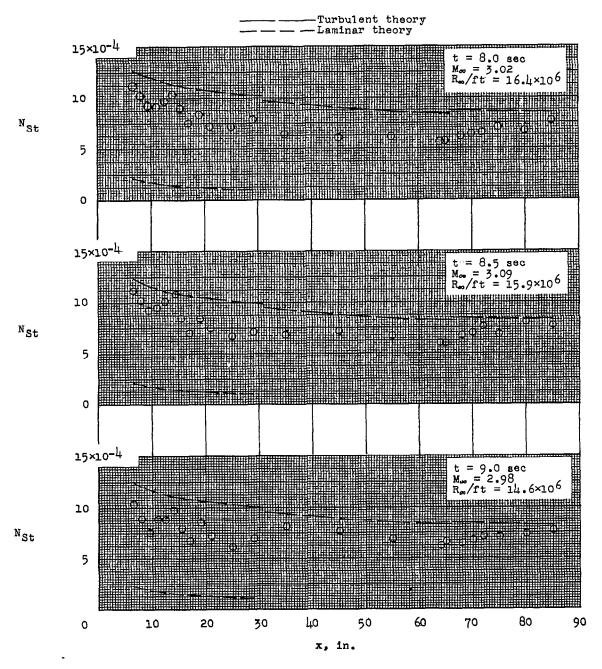




(a) Times 6.0, 7.0, and 7.5 seconds when $\rm\,T_W < T_{aw},$ based on theoretical values of $\rm\,\eta_m.$

Figure 8.- Distributions of Stanton number along body at several times.

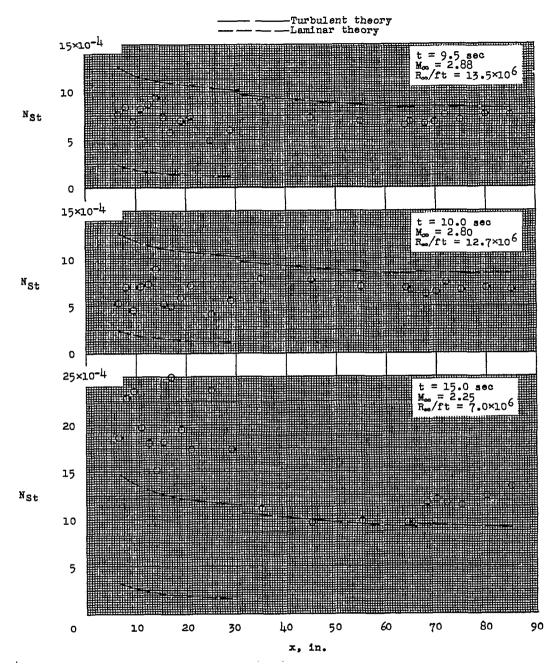




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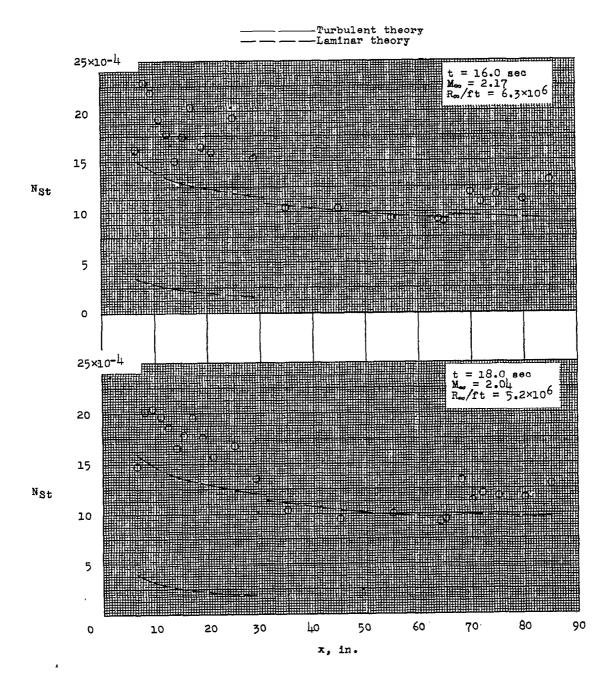




(c) Times 9.5 and 10.0 seconds when $T_w < T_{aw}$ and at 15.0 seconds when $T_w > T_{aw}$, based on theoretical values of η_r .

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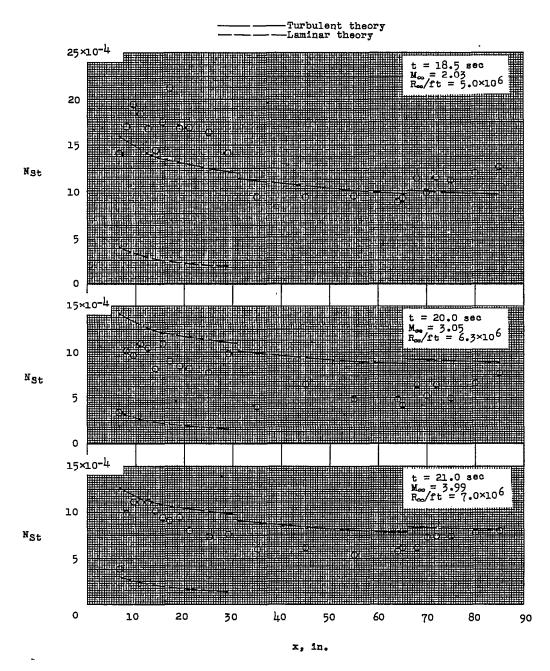




(d) Times 16.0 and 18.0 seconds when $T_{\rm W} > T_{\rm aW}$, based on theoretical values of $\eta_{\rm r}$.

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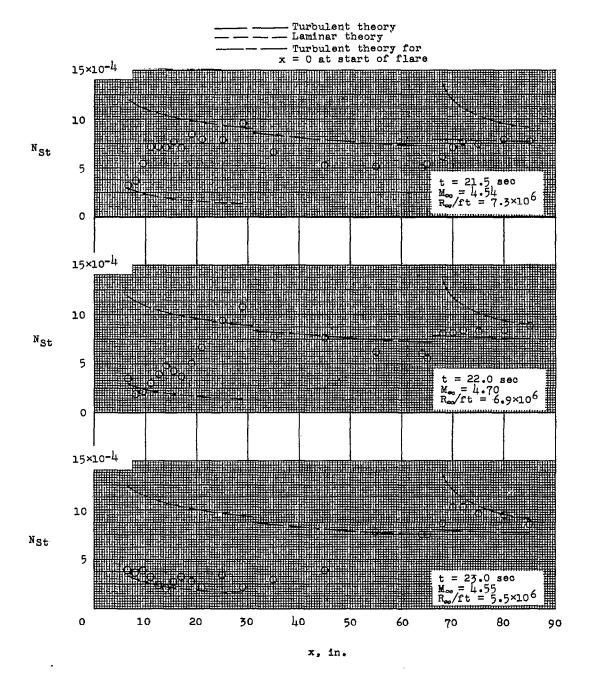




(e) Times 18.5 seconds when $T_W > T_{aW}$ and times 20.0 and 21.0 seconds when $T_W < T_{aW}$, based on theoretical values of η_r .

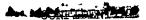
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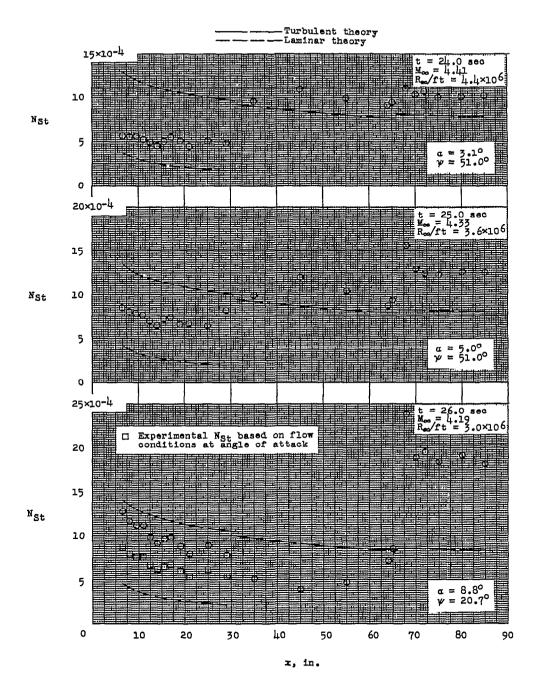


(f) Times 21.5, 22.0, and 23.0 seconds when $\,T_W^{} < T_{aW}^{},\,$ based on theoretical values of $\,\eta_T^{}.$

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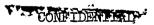






(g) Times 24.0, 25.0, and 26.0 seconds when $\rm\,T_W < T_{aw},$ based on theoretical values of $\rm\,\eta_T.$

Figure 8. - Concluded.



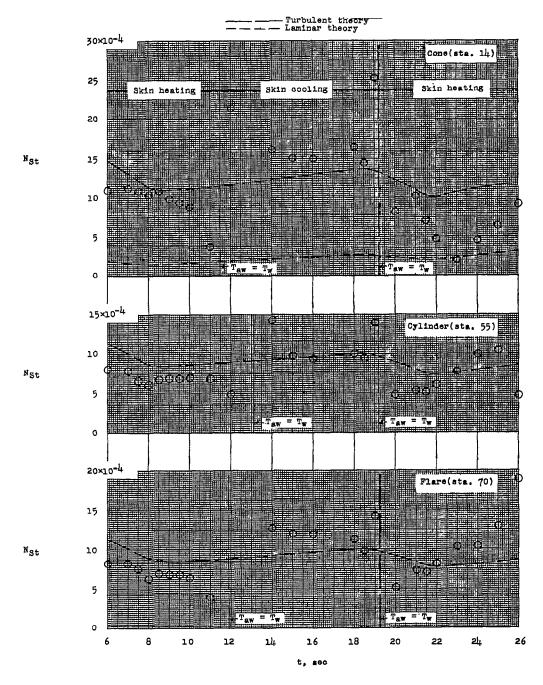
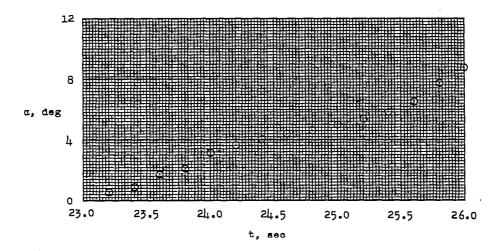
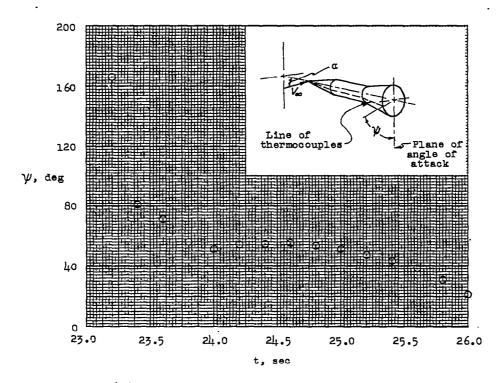


Figure 9.- Time histories of Stanton number based on theoretical values of $\eta_{\bf r}$ for three typical measurement-stations.





(a) Variation of angle of attack α with time t.



(b) Orientation of thermocouple line.

Figure 10. - Variation of model attitude.



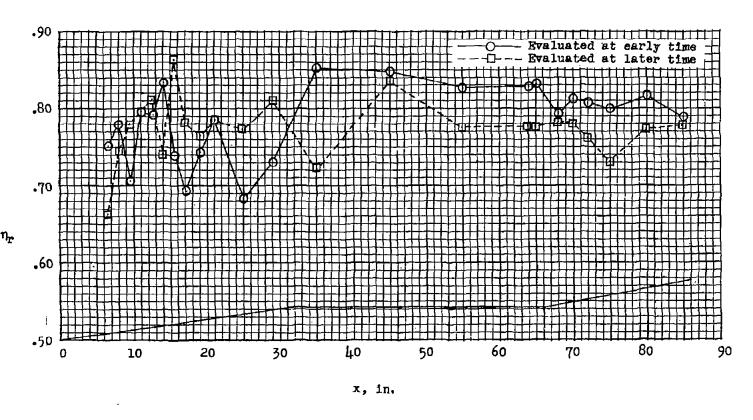


Figure 11. - Experimental recovery factors.



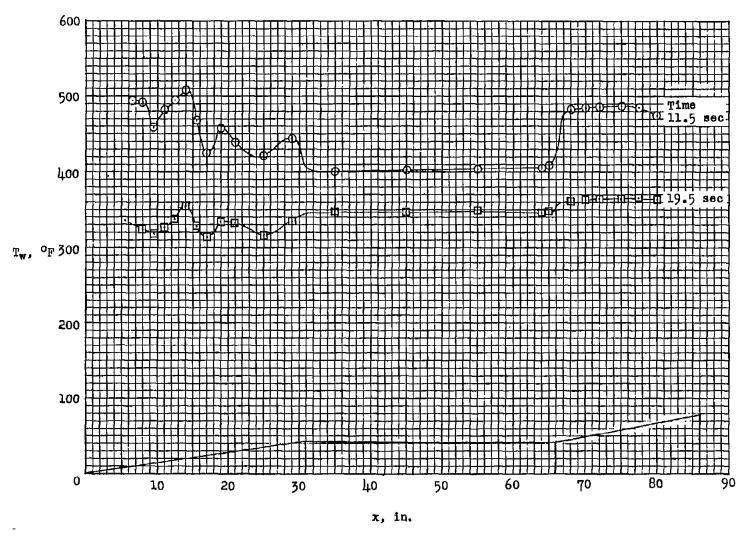


Figure 12.- Temperature distributions along body at times near experimental recovery factor evaluations.

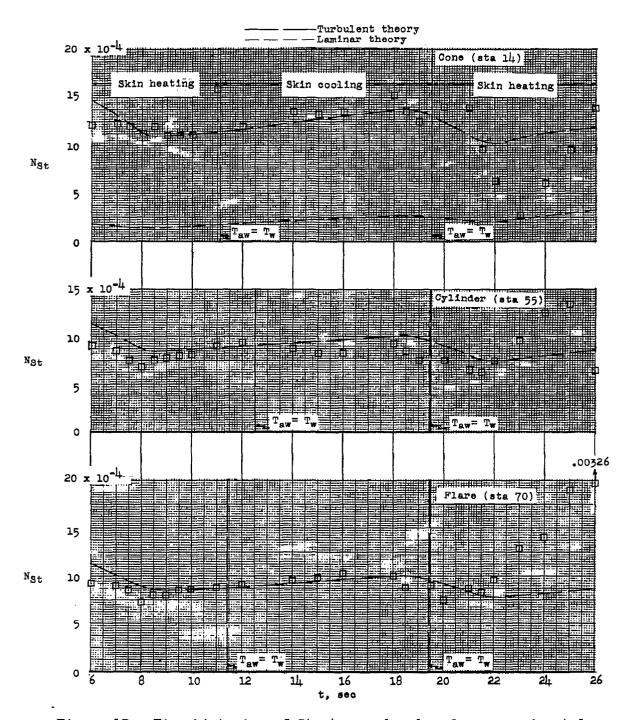
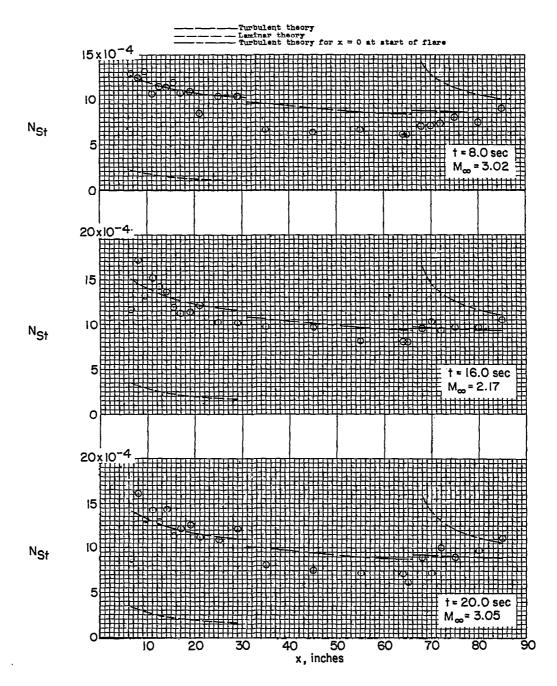


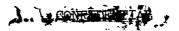
Figure 13.- Time histories of Stanton number based on experimental values of η_r for three typical measurement stations.

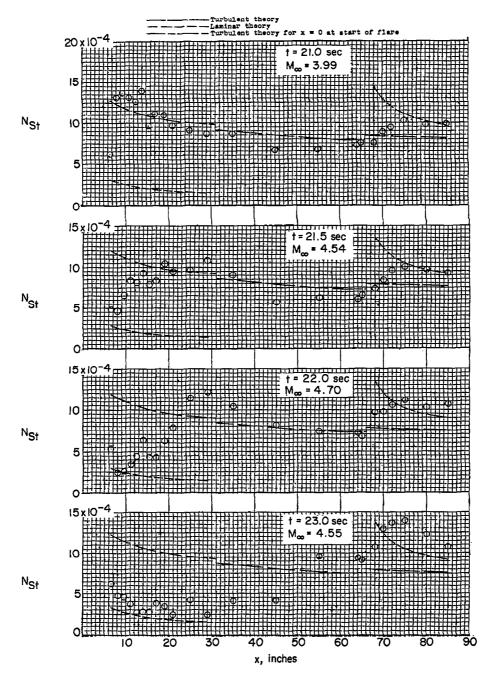




(a) Times 8.0, 16.0, and 20.0 seconds.

Figure 14.- Distributions of N_{St} based on experimental values of $\eta_{\text{r}}.$

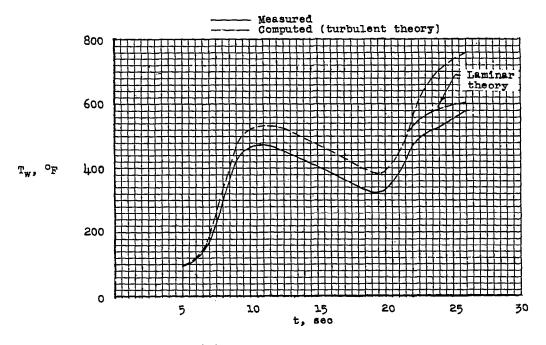




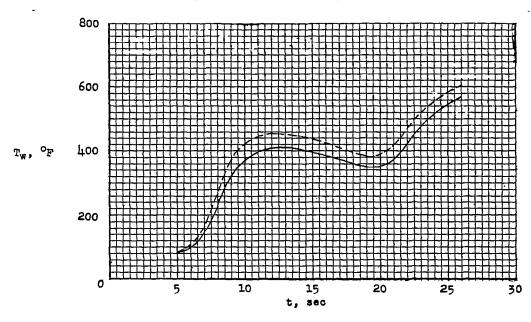
(b) Times 21.0 to 23.0 seconds.

Figure 14.- Concluded.



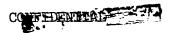


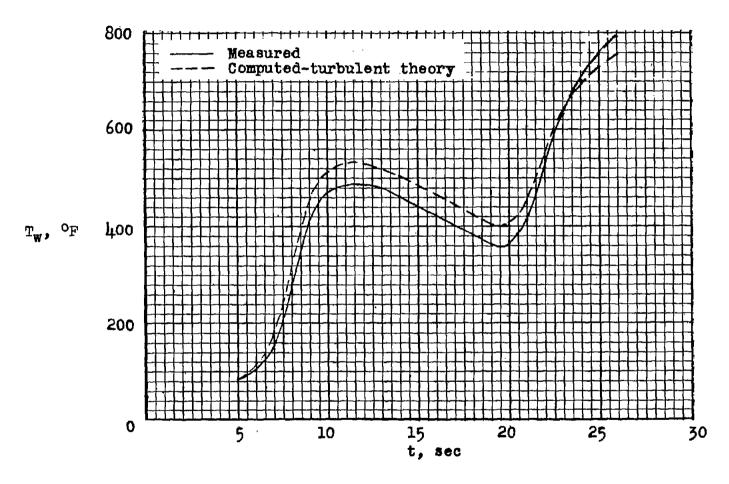
(a) Cone station 15.5.



(b) Cylinder station 55.0.

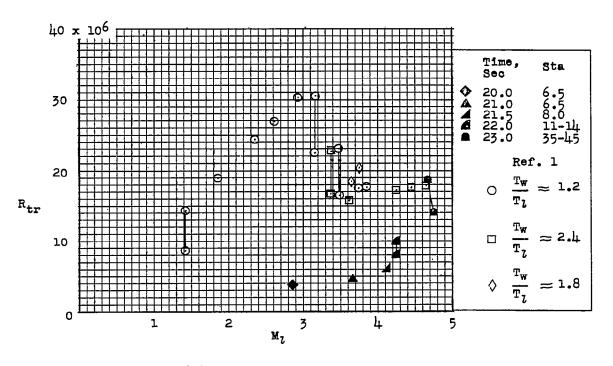
Figure 15.- Comparison of measured and computed skin temperatures.



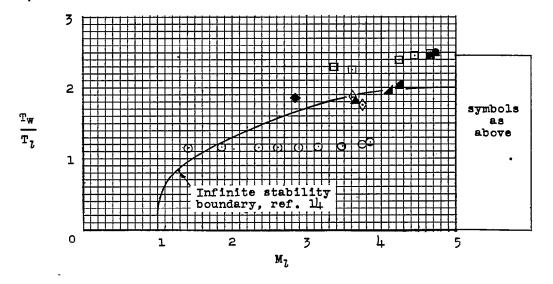


(c) Flare station 75.0.

Figure 15.- Concluded.



(a) R_{tr} as function of M_{l} .



(b) Conditions at transition.

Figure 16.- Boundary-layer transition measurements.

Figure 17.- Drag coefficients based on cylinder cross-sectional area.

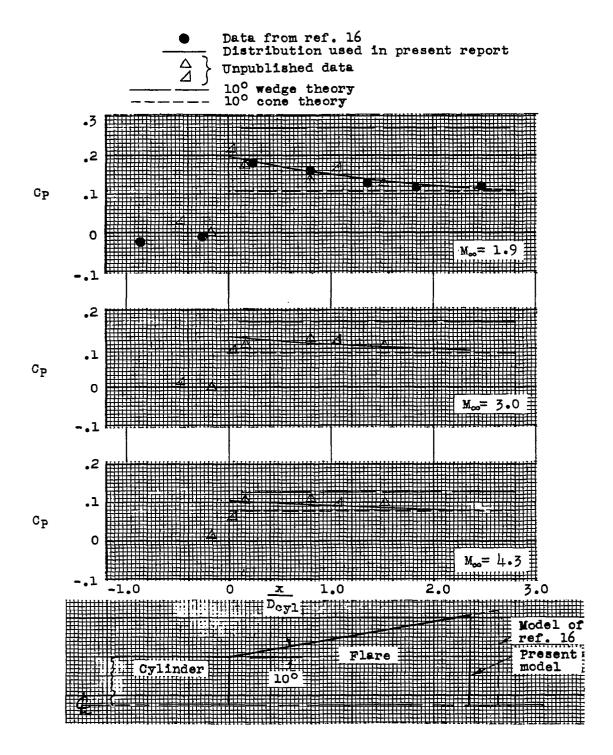


Figure 18.- Pressure distributions along flare.

